Group organizes to save Extension

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[illegible] Extension [illegible] the government [illegible] of industrial Cape Breton has sparked a struggle to [illegible] a network of local supporters.

A committee representing various groups, traditionally associated with Extension, in its work with unions and Cape Breton women, the people it reflects, has put a proposal to the university for retaining the Extension identity.

Dr. Peggy Rudd, a member of the committee, said Monday that the proposal is a "very basic document" that outlines the objectives of the committee and the proposal.

[illegible] president, Dr. Lloyd Dennis said Wednesday he doesn't think there is any additional [illegible] it would be premature for him to say much publicly at this point.

It is still under consideration, he told the Post, adding that the recommendation to retain the Extension and its input from external [illegible] and others, [illegible] is [illegible] and will [illegible] staff and their [illegible].

He said the recommendation was [illegible] for a whole series of issues including how can we [illegible] with the people of Cape Breton with existing programs. We're looking at [illegible] also should be serviced where and how we should be concentrating our energy and resources.

He said there's nothing in the [illegible] that would be affected by the move, but there would be a transfer depending on what recommendations are [illegible].

Dennis said the university had budgeted that the University College of Cape Breton could take up the work of Extension was to move out of the area in which it has operated for much of this century.

And that is not [illegible] Extension's future involvement, Dennis suggests from that the Cape Breton activist who was pressing to save the St. [illegible] Extension has never done the kind of conventional extension work offered by other universities. It's unique. They always worked at it as a grassroots organization, coming out of the Antigonish Movement and [illegible] ready.

[illegible] president for Nova Scotia representative Everett Baker and other members of the committee [illegible] think that would be the

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